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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT

NOTICE TO PREPARE A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR SECTION 408 CONSIDERATION OF EFFECTS TO THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE FEDERAL LEVEE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

Interested persons are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District has reviewed proposed modification(s) to the City of Geneva, Alabama Federal Levee Flood Control Project and intends to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact. The City of Geneva is requesting authorization to install drainage pipe, place headwalls, repair inlet boxes, install a storm water pumping station, and relocate previously installed pumps. The project is located in the City of Geneva, Alabama, near the confluence of the Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers, along the existing levees. The purpose of this project is to provide better drainage of storm water from the interior of the levee.

Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and codified in 33 USC 408 (commonly referred to as "Section 408") authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers of the USACE, Mobile District to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a USACE civil works project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. For the purpose of this Section 408 request, which is expected to have less than a significant effect on the human or natural environment, this notice soliciting input serves as the method for advising all interested parties of the proposed alteration for which permission has been sought and by which information necessary to inform USACE's evaluation and review is solicited.

The Geneva Levee Project is a Federal project authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (WRDA-99) which appropriated \$16.6 million for the Geneva Levee Major Rehabilitation. The cost was cost shared at 65/35 percent Federal and non-Federal respectively.

The proposed action would modify a portion of the levee, which is part of a federally authorized flood control project and is therefore being reviewed as a Section 408 action. The proposed project will impact existing fill material within the levee by laying pipe on the surface, covering with fill and revegetating. No excavation of the existing fill will occur.

Correspondences should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: CESAM-PD-EI, in time to be received within 15 days of the date of this notice.

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